1	2	3	4
Orissa	54.00	—	—
Rajasthan	—	—	21.98
Sikkim	5.52	7.00	7.67
Tamil Nadu	25.00	—	—
Tripura	—	—	5.05
Uttar Pradesh	—	—	131.15
West Bengal	—	—	66.33
TOTAL:	268.08	273.37	497.10

Investment in Agricultural Sector

27. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government investment in the agricultural sector has shown a decline in the last two years, while the private sector's has increased; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per estimates provided by Central Statistical Organisation, the investment in Agricultural sector at current prices has increased both in Public and Private Sectors during the last two years as given below:

Investment in Agriculture Sector

(At current prices) (Unit: Rs. in crores)

Year	Public	Private	Total
1997-98	6602	16626	23228
1998-99*	6665	18578	25243

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(b) With a view to increase capital investment in Agriculture Sector, the Government is *inter-alia* implementing the following schemes.

(i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) initiated in 1996-97 for providing assistance to the states by way of loan for timely completion of selected large and multi-purpose irrigation projects.

(ii) Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) within the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development established in 1995-96.

(iii) National Watershed Development projects for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) launched in 1990-91 for a holistic and sustainable development of vast rainfed areas.